LAKE RIDGE SCHOOL CORPORATION

# LRS News

SUMMER 1996

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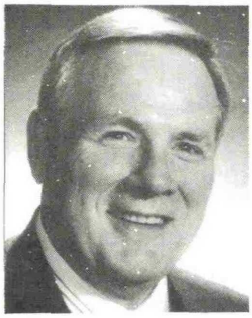
Lake Ridge Schools



## *A Letter from the Superintendent...*

The summer is passing by quickly and the start of school is just around the corner.

Some quick notes of interest:

Registration for the 1996-1997 school year will be on August 14 & 15, 1996. A special flyer will be coming to you in July.

Our schools will be connected to Internet soon! The students will begin to experience a new and entertaining way of learning.

White Ribbon Week will be observed in early fall this year. Activities during this week will focus on healthy alternatives to gang membership.

We are looking forward to a happy and successful school year.

Robert M Beach

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Superintendent

## Adult Education Registration

Adult Education classes resume on September 3. To arrange to register to attend classes, you may phone the program at 989-7816 beginning on August 22. Daytime hours are 9:00 AM until 3:30 PM. Extended hours and evening hours will begin on September 9, when the schedule changes to 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Mondays through Thursdays and 9:00 AM until 3:30 PM on Fridays.

## Registration for 1996-1997 School Year

This year the Lake Ridge Schools will register all students INCLUDING those currently enrolled in the Lake Ridge Schools and those registering for the first time.

Registration will take place on August 14 & 15, 1996. Please watch your mail for further information.

*ISTEP TESTING WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1996.*

## Head Start Registration

Beginning Monday, August 19, 1996, Head Start will continue taking applications for enrollment for the 1996-97 school year. Applications will be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Applications will be taken for children who will turn four (4) years old by December 31, 1996.

To enroll a child, the parent/guardian must bring the following information to the Head Start office:

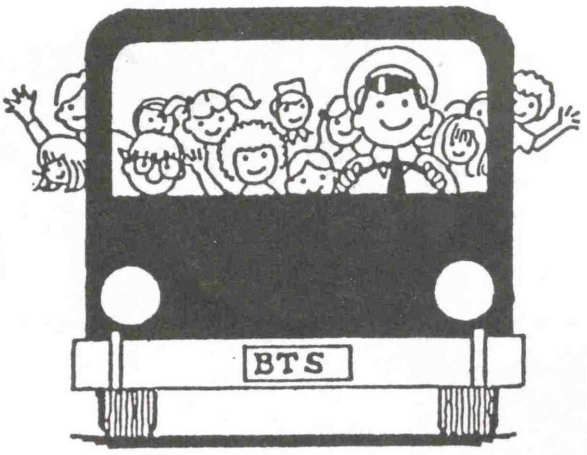
1. Child's birth certificate
2. Proof of income eligibility (1040 tax form, AFDC verification letter from caseworker and medicaid/food stamp cards)
3. Immunization record
4. Social Security numbers for all household members
5. Three (3) proofs of residency

If you have already filled out an application to enroll your child, you must stop in the Head Start office to fill out the school lunch form. You must also bring proof of your August, 1996 income when you complete the lunch form.

If you have any questions, please contact the Head Start office at 989-7823.

# The Bus. . . .

## Stops Here!




1. Students riding buses should be at their bus stop approximately thirty (30) minutes before the arrival or "IN" time for the first three or four days. The bus driver will then provide a more precise time after he/she has run the route for the first week.
2. The bus routes for all Lake Ridge Schools will be the same as at the end of the 1995-1996 school year. Please have your school age child wait at the same stop as at the end of the 1995-1996 school year. A bus will stop, but not necessarily the same number. Check with the bus driver as to where the bus will stop. If you have any questions, please call the Transportation Department at 838-1819.
3. It is requested that students ride the bus when school opens, since it helps in determining the length of a route, the number of students riding each bus, and where the bus stops should be located.
4. Since the opening of school will necessitate route changes, you are asked to bear with the Transportation Department for the first few weeks of school. Most adjustments in the routes can be made during that time.

## Schedule for 1996 1997 School Year

August 22, 1996 and thereafter
Calumet High School 7:30 - 2:00
Lake Ridge Middle School 8:00 - 2:30
Longfellow & Grissom 8:20 - 3:00
Hosford Park & Black Oak 8:50 - 3:30

## School Meal Prices

The prices for meals in the Lake Ridge Schools have been set for the school year 1996-1997. They are:

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| Elementary lunch | $1.40 |
| Middle School lunch | 1.55 |
| High School lunch | 1.60 |
| Student breakfast | .80 |

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### Resolution Passed by the Board of Education on July 22, 1996

Have you heard about "Class Division Playoffs?" "Class Division Playoffs" is when high schools compete against other high schools in the state that are approximately the same size. NIKE is supporting the effort to keep "Class Division Playoffs" from taking place. Since the NIKE Corporation is supporting this effort, our Board of Education has developed a resolution banning NIKE products from athletics. Please read this resolution carefully and help us to take a stand for our student athletes.

**WHEREAS,** it has been determined by the IHSAA that "Class Division Playoffs" in high school athletics are beneficial to the most number of students, and

**WHEREAS,** the IHSAA has adopted "Class Division Playoffs" for high school athletics beginning in 1997, and

**WHEREAS,** "Class Division Playoffs" will be beneficial to the Lake Ridge Schools, and

**WHEREAS,** NIKE has financed opposition to "Class Division Playoffs" for high school athletics to the detriment of high school athletics, Indiana athletes and athletes of the Lake Ridge Schools,

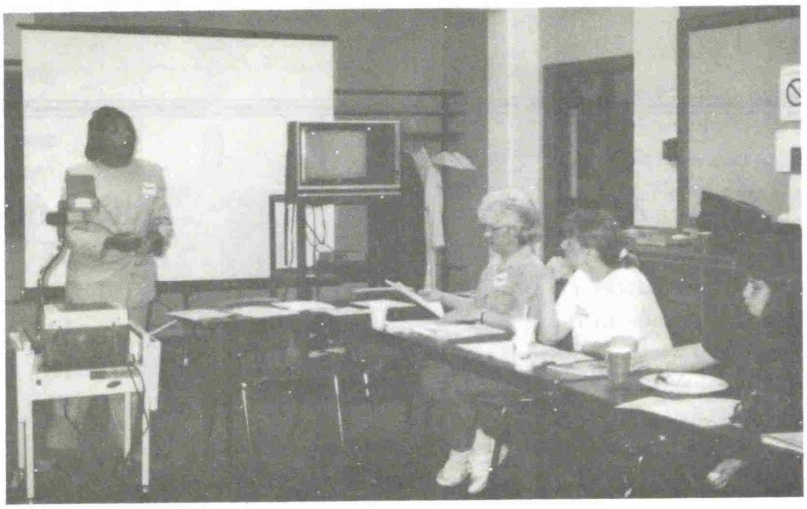
**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,** that no team, club or organization affiliated in any way with the Lake Ridge School Corporation shall use any funds provided by the Lake Ridge Schools or secured under the name of any Lake Ridge School for the purpose of purchasing, renting or using any product manufactured or produced by NIKE or under the NIKE logo.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that no athlete, team, club or organization as hereinabove described shall prominently display any apparel with the NIKE logo.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Lake Ridge Schools shall take whatever steps it deems necessary in furtherance of this policy.

# Human Diversity Training

Lake Ridge Schools and the Gender Equity Project of the Indiana Department of Education sponsored Human Diversity Training for the administrators, teachers, staff, and community members. Four workshops were offered in February and April which promoted understanding in the inter-relationships among various ethnic and cultural groups.



Topics of discussion included: gender equity in education; sensitivity in schools; cultural diversity; value systems; assumptions, myths, stereo-typing, prejudices, discrimination and their impact on different population groups. Participants worked in small groups, completed various assessments, watched video documentaries, and shared experiences. They examined their roles and responsibilities for human diversity in their school and community.

Denise Jones, a retired Michigan City police officer, was the training facilitator. Trained in Human Environmental Awareness, Mrs. Jones said, "This program is designed to reduce friction between persons of varying backgrounds who live, work, and interact in close contact. Schools, churches, police departments, and various businesses are taking advantage of this training."

Dr. Beach, who attended the workshop for the administrators felt the training was worthwhile and "helped provide a greater sensitivity to and awareness of cultural diversity in our schools."

# Grissom Charlie Club

As the Grissom Charlie club finished the year, we looked back at what we learned and accomplished. Besides drug information, we learned how to communicate and make decisions. We worked hard at dealing with our feelings such as anger. The most important thing we learned was making good friends who support us in making positive decisions. To end the school year, we had a buffet luncheon. Charlie Club members brought ample amounts of food such as chicken and pizza. A good time was had by all.

We look forward to a new and expanded program next year. It will focus on the dangers of belonging to a gang.

## Grissom Honor Roll

We are very proud of our honor roll students at Grissom. The honor roll students from grades three-five are as follows:

Third Grade:
Jenilee Brooks
Jamie Brown
Ronald Dykhuizen
Brian Farler
Natalie Johnson
Candice Joyner
Adam Kelly
Chadd Mattingly
Lisa Thomas

**Fourth Grade:**
Justin Akers
Jon Asher
Shannon Bermingham
Amanda Doeing
Bryan Gaskey
Caty Hemminger
Ashley Hogue
Joanna Minard
Melissa Owen
Brandon Sharp
Stephanie Short
Linda Wilson

**Fifth Grade:**
Michelle Castellano
Jason Dorado
Rafaelita Esquivel
Peter Flores
Maria Garcia
Michael Gilbert
April Hamilton
Joe Miller
Kristina Monik
Ron Wiggins

## LAKE RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE 1995-1996

Nicholas Arnold
Courtney Bailey
April Bovenkerk
Marquita Brumfield
Demarreo Campbell
Robert Claubaugh
Fran Davis
Scott Diehl
Steven Fancher
Robyn Hall
Benjamin Havrilla
Nicole Huff
Melissa Jones
Clarissa Jordan
Samantha McKinney
Guadalupe Merlos
Alicia Neeley
Jason Owensby
William Owensby
Amie Patton
Joseph Reid
David Richardson
Christopher Roark
Malissa Saenz
Ovidio Saenz
Shanda Scott
Crandal Shumpert
Joseph Stewart
Lacey Swick
Leah Thompson
Rebecca Watson
Jesse Wilson
Melanie Wolfe
Brenda Yetsko
Laura Yetsko

# 1996-1997 LAKE RIDGE CALENDAR

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L- LABOR DAY
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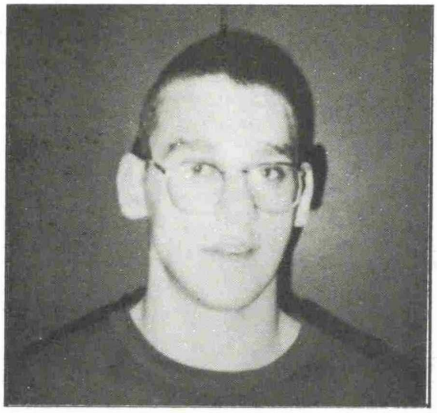
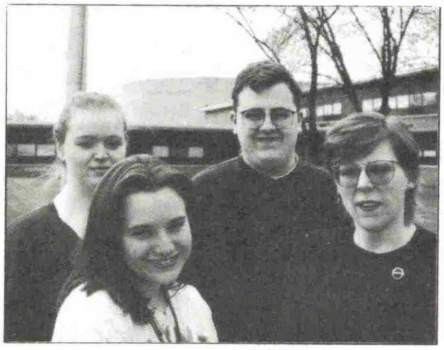
T- THANKSGIVING (2)
C- CHRISTMAS BREAK (9)
K- MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
P- PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND (2)
E- EASTER
M- MEMORIAL DAY

**GRADING PERIODS:**
AUG. 22 - OCT. 23 = 44 DAYS
OCT. 28 - JAN. 17 = 48 DAYS
JAN. 21 - MAR. 27 = 46 DAYS
APRIL 7 - JUNE 5 = 43 DAYS

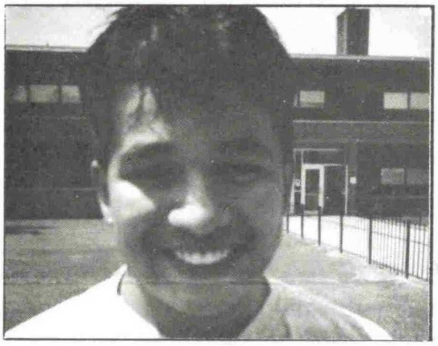
# Happenings at Calumet



*David Bisbee won State Scholar-Athlete of the year honors in three sports, football, wrestling, and track.*



*L. to R.: Carrie Brown, Adrienne Potoma, Adrian Wilkerson and sponsor, Mrs. Raby. This team won the Social Studies Adacemic Bowl Invitational Tournament at Munster High School for the fourth year in a row. This team also went downstate on April 27, 1996 and anwered 21 of 25 questions correctly to win the Class 2 Social Studies State Championship.*



*Seleno Gomez, Calumet Senior, smiles after learning that he was selected Building Industrial Associate Scholar.*

*Dr. Spivey, Principal of Calumet High School, poses with I.U.N. Chancellor Dr. Hilda Richards and Calumet Science Instructor, Ms. MaryAnn Dodd. The occasion was the signing of a joint agreement between Calumet High School and Indiana University Northwest in which students may receive both high school and college credit in Advanced Biology.*

*Mr. Joseph and Mr. Manning sign up Brian Lukowski for housing at the Gender Equity project "Reality Store". Students made decisions about how to spend their income and some real life decisions they may face as young adults.*

*Posing with their Art projects are three contest winners. L to R: Mrs. Nancy Whitcomb, Calumet Art Instructor; Dwoyne Jones, Second place winner; Salvador Villarruel, First place winner, Mrs. Millie Adams, representing V.F.W. Auxilliary (Post 9982); Brad Lawrence, Third place winner; and Dr. Spivey, Principal, Calumet High School.*

**Congratulations** to Tony Stash and Beth Hopper for winning the Heisman Awards. Both students were selected because of their extensive academic, athletic and community service leadership at Calumet High School.

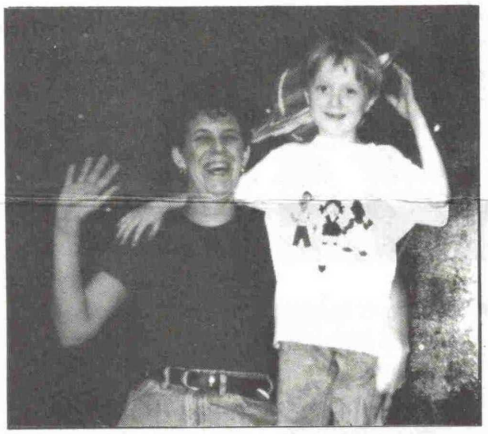
# SOMEONE SPECIAL

Miss Sherry Alford was recently presented with the Thanks Badge II. This is the highest award that is given to an adult volunteer in Girl Scouting.

Miss Alford has worked with the girls and adults in the Calumet Township Community for over 21 years. (She has been in Scouting over 26 years.) She has served as registrar, consultant, organizer, event director, public relations manager, and is currently the service unit manager.

Miss Alford's love of Girl Scouting is evident in all she does for Calumet Township and the Drifting Dunes Council. She maintains a "tireless enthusiasm," continues her efforts to bring Girl Scouting to as many girls as possible, and serves as a "source of inspiration" to all leaders who share in her mission.

# Top Volunteer



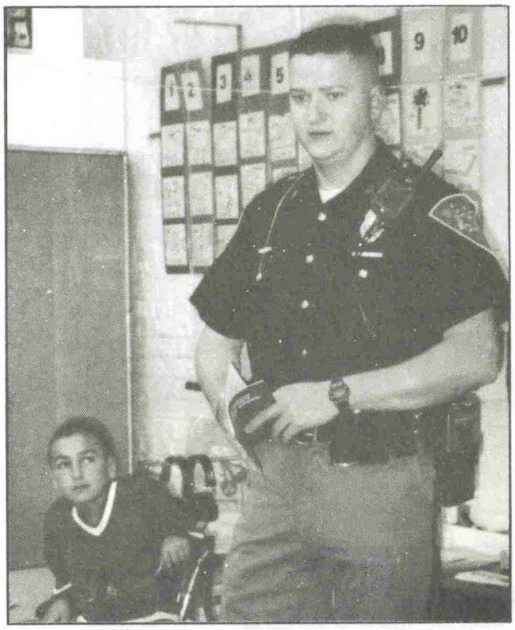
*Head Start mom, Margie Coulter, with son Joshua. Margie was top volunteer of the year. She volunteered 423 hours for Head Start during the 1995-1996 school year.*

# Grissom Students Join Choir

Grissom School is very proud of the three new members in the Southlake Childrens Choir: they are Brandon Sharp, Corina Wise and Tabitha Stephen. Stephanie Short, also from Grissom, has been a member of the chorus for two years. Rehearsals will start next September for a funfilled year of performances in our area, plus a trip to Indianapolis to sing for the Music Educators Conference (MENC) held in January. We wish them much success.

# State Trooper Visits Black Oak

Trooper David Schneider from the Indiana State Police paid a friendly visit to the boys and girls in Mrs. Rene Knight's class at Black Oak School during the afternoon of June 4. He found a receptive audience as he discussed many important issues relevant to today's youth. With summer vacation just around the corner, his visit was also timely. He talked about summer safety and he spoke strong words of warning about gangs and gang violence. The children were very responsive. Each question he asked yielded a sea of waving hands. Many children, he soon learned, had seen gang activity firsthand in their own neighborhoods.



*Black Oak student Tim Peckler listens attentively to Indiana State Trooper David Schneider.*

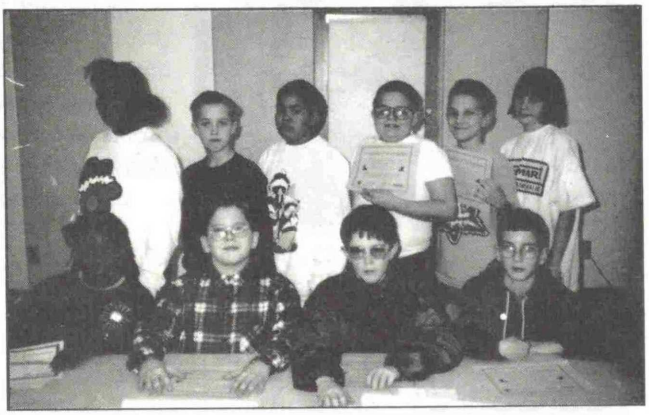
Trooper Scheider outlined a number of things to remember about avoiding gangs.

* Don't dress like gang members and don't do things gang members do.
* Don't hang out where gang members do.
* Don't pretend to be in a gang.
* Get a good education; learn to work hard in school and in life.

Before he left, Trooper Schneider showed the children his police car, the equipment he uses on the job, and he gave each child a safety coloring book.

# Geography Bee

Hosford Park's fourth and fifth graders participated in the Eighth Annual National Geographic Geography Bee for 1996. The ten finalists were Jennifer Kenner, Cliff Haines, John Bruno, Randy Stephen, Emma Lee, Josh Woodard, Deavon Allen, Gary Johnson, David Denisiuk, and Angie Cavell.



*L to R: Front Jennifer Kenner, Cliff Haines, John Bruno, Ra Stephen: Back, Emma Lee, Josh Woodard, Deavon Allen, Ga Johnson, David Denisiuk, and Angie Cavell.*

The winner was fifth grader, Jennifer Kenner. As the school winner, Jennifer took a written test. In March, we will be notified if she qualifies for the State Geography Bee.

Sponsor of Bee was Miss Vlalobos, fifth grade teacher. Moderator was Mrs. Collins, principal. Judges were Mrs. Halcarz, fourth/fifth grade teacher and Mrs. Woods, fourth grade teacher.

# Head Start Teacher Wins Pageant

Jenifer Crosby, Lake Ridge Schools Head Start teacher, was crowned 1996 Popcorn Queen in Valparaiso. A four person judging panel selected Ms. Jenifer over four other contestants in the annual pageant held at the Strongbow Inn.

*Jenifer Crosby*
*Head Start Teacher*
*1996 Popcorn Festival Queen*

Throughout her reign, Ms. Jenifer will appear at many community events in addition to the Popcorn Festival to be held on September 7.

# Mystery Reader Lurks Halls of Black Oak

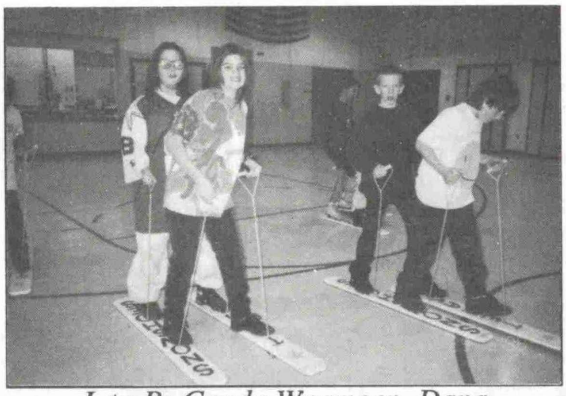
The identity of Black Oak's Wall Reader still remains a mystery, even at the close of school on June 6. For the last several months of school someone has roamed the halls of Black Oak placing yellow Post-It notes on students' work and each message is simply signed, "The Wall Reader." The comments on each note are indicative that our Wall Reader enjoys reading good stories, reports, and assignments. The remarks are always complimentary. The appearance of the notes has created a great deal of excitement around the school.

Mrs. Moye's fourth grade Reading Lab students were writing reports on snakes. Each day a new snake report was put up on the hallway wall. The next day, without fail, the students would discover that the Wall Reader had struck again!

There has been much speculation around school and nearly everyone is a suspect from Mr. Ballard, Black Oak's principal, to someone on the evening cleaning crew. So if you have any information on Black Oak's Wall Reader or you know the whereabouts of this doer of good deeds, please. . . don't turn him/her in. . . just find out if the Wall Reader will be back at Black Oak in the Fall!

# Texas Snowshoes the Latest Craze

Texas snowshoes may be strange-looking but Lake Ridge elementary students don't seem to mind a bit. The children are wearing them in their physical education classes and say they are lots of fun. Coach Les Karaffa made the Texas snowshoes and he describes them as wooden walking platforms which are designed to develop the 3 "C's". . . Coordination, Cooperation, and Communication. They are worn with a partner and can be used indoors or outdoors. "They are very safe," says Coach Karaffa, "because there are no foot straps to bind the feet, and they are wide enough to prevent sudden roll overs. Once the children learn to master the fundamentals of Texas snowshoe walking, then they're ready to enjoy a variety of contests and games."



*L to R: Candy Wigsmoen, Dana Weatherford, Randy Darnold, and Rick Hemminger*

# Black Oak Knows the News

Newspaper day quickly became a favorite with the fourth graders in Mrs. Craig's class at Black Oak School. Every Wednesday when a stack of The Times arrived, a host of newspaper activities awaited these eager readers. They did everything from word searches to searching the want ads for jobs. Mrs. Craig feels that the newspaper is a valuable resource and one that can serve as another reference tool which children can learn to use to acquire information. She would ask their students, "What do you want to know?" and then direct them to the newspaper index to begin their search.

For Mother's Day, the children prepared a collage for their mothers using words from the newspaper that described themselves. Mrs. Craig drew silhouettes of each child which were then surrounded with all their descriptive words. At year's end, the class took a field trip to the offices of The Times in Munster. The trip was a wonderful experience and one that the children truly enjoyed.

## Grissom Students Receive President's Award

Two Grissom Students received the President's Award for Educational Improvement. They are Crystal Glowacki and Miguel Merlos.

The purpose of the President's Award is to recognize students who show outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in their academic subjects. This award encourages and rewards students who work hard and give their best effort in school. The award is signed by the President of the United States and the Secretary of Education. We are proud of Crystal and Miguel.

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## QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

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| Black Oak School | 844-1920 |
| Grissom School | 844-2255 |
| Hosford Park School | 980-3390 |
| Longfellow School | 923-7004 |
| Lake Ridge Middle School | 980-0730 |
| Calumet High School | 838-6990 |
| Education Center | 838-1819 |
| Head Start | 989-7823 |
| Adult Education | 989-7816 |
| Questions about GED | 838-1819 |
| Sporting Events including Swimming Pool | 989-7847 |
| Bus Problems | 838-1819 |
| Use of School Facilities | Bldg. concerned |

# MISSION STATEMENT

## LAKE RIDGE SCHOOLS

The Mission of the Lake Ridge Schools, in cooperation with the parents and community, is to provide the opportunities and the resources for the academic, emotional, and social growth of our students, empowering them to be responsible, productive citizens in an increasingly complex global society.

## Calendar of Meetings

**Note:** Dates are tentative—check for changes and exceptions. For example, most PTCs do not meet during January.

**Black Oak PTC**
Second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Calumet PTC**
Third Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

**Grissom PTC**
First Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Hosford Park PTC**
Third Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

**Longfellow PTC**
Second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Lake Ridge MS PTC**
First Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

**School Board**
Second and Fourth Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

**Band Boosters**
Second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Athletic Boosters**
Third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.